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Job Growth Continued in Missouri's Metro, Micropolitan Areas in May

JEFFERSON CITY – Payroll employment increased seasonally in most of Missouri's metropolitan areas, but unemployment rates generally showed little change between April and May, the Missouri Department of Economic Development said today.

Payroll employment in the St. Louis MSA increased by 8,100 jobs in May. Seasonal gains in mining and construction (1,900); retail trade (1,700); administrative, support, and waste management services (1,000); and leisure and hospitality (3,900) were primarily responsible for the increase. The largest decrease was in professional, scientific and technical services (-1,400).

The Kansas City MSA added 5,900 jobs on balance. (Leisure and hospitality 2,100); mining and construction (1,400), and trade, transportation and utilities (1,500) reported the largest gains. Employment in Springfield increased by 1,800 jobs in May while Columbia added 1,000 jobs. In these areas, growth was spread through a number of industries.

St. Joseph, Jefferson City and Joplin reported increases of 400, 200, and 100, respectively.

Over the past year, employment growth in MSAs has ranged from 0.2 percent in St. Joseph to 3.1 percent in Springfield. In general, private service-providing industries and local government have been sources of growth. Performance of the goods-producing industries has varied among the areas. State government has tended to be flat or to shed jobs.

Unemployment rates in Joplin (4.9 percent) and St. Louis (5.5 percent) were identical to their April rates. St. Joseph's rate decreased to 5.9 from 6.1 percent. Rates in the other MSAs edged up. Columbia's went from 3.6 to 3.7, Jefferson City's from 4.3 to 4.5 percent, Kansas City's from 5.5 to 5.6 and Springfield's from 4.3 to 4.4 percent.

Columbia's unemployment rate was the lowest among the metropolitan areas. Micropolitan area rates ranged from 3.8 percent in Maryville to 7.5 percent in Kennett. Scotland County in northeast Missouri had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent while the highest rates were 8.6 percent in the city of St. Louis and 8.2 percent in Pemiscot County. No county has had double-digit unemployment since March.

Editor's notes: Corrected unemployment data for January through May 2005 appear below. Data for 2000 through 2004 are being revised a year at a time, and will be released when available. More detailed industry employment data is available at <http://www.ded.mo.gov/researchandplanning/pdfs/moCE0505.pdf>.

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MISSOURI UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - 2005
FOR METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND SINGLE-COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)

	MAY 2005	APR 2005	MAR 2005	FEB 2005	JAN 2005		MAY 2005	APR 2005	MAR 2005	FEB 2005	JAN 2005
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U.S. (not seasonally adjusted)	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.8	5.7	MEXICO (Audrain Co.)	5.8	5.7	6.6	6.7	6.9
MISSOURI	5.4	5.4	6.1	6.4	6.6	MOBERLY (Randolph Co.)	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.8	6.3
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>						POPLAR BLUFF (Butler Co.)	5.4	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.4
COLUMBIA MSA	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.4	ROLLA (Phelps Co.)	4.3	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.1
Boone	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.3	SEDALIA (Pettis Co.)	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.2	7.2
Howard	5.2	4.5	5.0	5.1	6.3	SIKESTON (Scott Co.)	5.9	5.7	6.3	6.5	6.8
JEFFERSON CITY MSA	4.5	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.3	WARRENSBURG (Johnson Co.)	4.8	4.6	5.5	5.5	5.9
Callaway	4.8	4.5	5.3	5.4	5.8	WEST PLAINS (Howell Co.)	5.1	4.9	5.7	5.6	5.9
Cole	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.7	QUINCY (MO PT - Lewis Co.)	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.9	5.6
Moniteau	5.0	5.2	6.2	6.9	7.0	KEOKUK (MO PT - Clark Co.)	5.9	5.2	7.5	8.1	7.0
Osage	5.2	4.5	5.3	4.9	5.2	<u>SINGLE COUNTY LMAs</u>					
JOPLIN MSA	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.5	Atchison	4.4	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.4
Jasper	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.5	Barry	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.4	6.2
Newton	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.4	Barton	4.4	4.5	5.5	5.3	5.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	5.6	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.5	Benton	5.7	5.7	6.7	7.3	7.8
KANSAS CITY MSA (MO PT)	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.5	6.5	Camden	4.8	5.2	7.3	8.3	8.9
Bates	5.6	6.1	7.0	8.5	8.8	Carroll	5.7	5.9	6.7	7.6	7.3
Caldwell	5.6	5.8	6.3	7.7	7.8	Carter	5.3	5.7	7.5	8.5	8.8
Cass	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.9	6.1	Cedar	5.7	5.4	6.5	6.5	6.8
Clay	4.5	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.1	Chariton	4.8	4.6	6.1	6.5	6.9
Clinton	4.6	5.1	6.0	6.8	7.1	Cooper	5.3	4.3	5.2	5.7	6.8
Jackson	6.2	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.1	Crawford	5.8	6.1	7.2	7.7	8.6
Lafayette	5.2	5.4	5.9	6.7	7.0	Dade	5.1	5.1	5.8	6.0	6.0
Platte	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.0	Daviess	4.6	4.5	5.3	5.8	6.2
Ray	5.0	5.1	6.0	6.7	7.1	Dent	6.3	6.1	7.2	7.5	7.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	5.9	6.1	6.8	7.1	7.4	Douglas	5.6	5.5	6.5	7.0	6.9
ST. JOSEPH MSA (MO PT)	6.0	6.1	6.8	7.2	7.4	Gasconade	5.5	5.6	6.3	6.8	8.1
Andrew	5.6	5.3	5.9	6.8	7.3	Gentry	4.7	4.1	4.8	5.3	5.2
Buchanan	6.1	6.4	7.1	7.4	7.5	Grundy	5.3	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.4
DeKalb	5.5	5.1	6.0	6.4	6.7	Harrison	5.2	5.5	6.9	7.4	7.8
ST. LOUIS MSA	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.7	Henry	6.1	6.0	8.0	7.7	7.7
ST. LOUIS MSA (MO PT)	5.6	5.6	6.1	6.3	6.6	Hickory	7.6	7.2	9.1	9.2	9.9
Franklin	5.5	5.6	6.1	6.7	8.3	Holt	4.6	4.5	5.2	5.9	6.3
Jefferson	5.1	5.1	5.9	6.4	7.4	Iron	7.4	7.3	8.7	9.3	9.5
Lincoln	5.2	5.4	6.1	7.0	7.5	Knox	4.0	4.0	4.7	5.3	5.3
St. Charles	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.9	5.0	Lawrence	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.7
St. Louis Co.	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.7	6.0	Linn	6.3	6.5	7.9	9.3	9.0
Warren	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.8	Livingston	5.1	5.2	6.1	6.8	6.8
Washington	8.0	8.0	9.3	10.4	11.8	Macon	4.9	5.2	6.2	6.6	6.9
St. Louis City	8.6	8.7	9.2	9.3	9.3	Madison	6.7	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.8
SPRINGFIELD MSA	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.8	5.0	Maries	4.6	4.5	5.4	5.5	6.3
Christian	4.1	3.9	4.9	5.3	5.5	Mercer	4.1	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.8
Dallas	5.2	5.4	6.0	6.7	6.5	Miller	5.2	5.6	7.9	9.0	9.7
Greene	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.8	Mississippi	6.5	6.8	7.7	8.1	8.3
Polk	5.2	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.3	Monroe	5.0	5.4	6.3	7.1	7.3
Webster	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.4	Montgomery	5.8	6.0	6.8	7.1	7.2
FAYETTEVILLE MSA (MO PT - McDonald Co)	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.6	Morgan	5.8	6.0	7.9	9.1	9.5
<u>MICROPOLITAN AREAS</u>						New Madrid	7.3	7.1	8.3	8.6	9.1
BRANSON	6.6	7.9	13.7	20.0	20.1	Oregon	5.7	5.4	6.6	6.0	6.3
Stone	6.3	7.3	11.9	18.2	18.1	Ozark	5.3	5.2	6.5	7.3	7.6
Taney	6.9	8.3	14.8	21.0	21.2	Pemiscot	8.2	8.2	9.4	9.6	9.7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.8	Perry	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.7	5.1
CAPE GIRARDEAU (MO PT)	4.9	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.5	Pike	5.7	5.6	6.4	6.7	7.2
Bollinger	6.1	5.6	6.6	7.4	8.1	Putnam	4.8	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.4
Cape Girardeau	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.8	5.1	Reynolds	7.0	7.5	9.2	10.2	10.7
FARMINGTON (St. Francois Co.)	6.6	6.5	7.3	8.0	8.5	Ripley	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.8	7.0
FT. LEONARD WOOD (Pulaski Co.)	5.3	5.3	6.0	6.0	6.4	St. Clair	5.6	5.6	6.9	7.0	7.4
HANNIBAL	5.6	5.5	6.6	7.1	7.0	Ste. Genevieve	5.6	5.4	6.3	6.6	7.5
Marion	5.5	5.5	6.6	6.8	6.7	Scotland	3.5	3.3	5.0	5.3	5.4
Ralls	5.7	5.5	6.7	8.0	7.9	Shannon	6.6	7.3	9.6	9.9	10.4
KENNETT (Dunklin Co.)	7.5	7.2	8.0	8.5	8.7	Shelby	4.8	5.1	6.6	7.6	7.7
KIRKSVILLE	4.5	4.6	5.5	5.7	6.4	Stoddard	5.5	5.7	6.5	7.1	7.8
Adair	4.4	4.2	4.9	5.0	5.8	Sullivan	6.1	6.0	7.3	7.3	7.5
Schuyler	5.4	7.1	8.9	9.8	9.6	Texas	6.3	6.4	7.5	7.7	7.9
LEBANON (Laclede Co.)	5.6	5.8	6.6	7.0	7.4	Vernon	4.8	4.6	5.7	5.5	5.8
MARSHALL (Saline Co.)	5.3	4.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	Wayne	6.8	7.0	8.0	8.6	8.8
MARYVILLE (Nodaway Co.)	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.2	4.5	Worth	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.8	4.9
						Wright	6.7	6.4	7.2	7.3	7.4

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